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SUBJECT: R/V HERO CLEARANCE REQUEST, MAY-JULY 1977

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1. EMBASSY RECEIVED LETTER FROM CHILEAN HYDROGRAPHIC INSTITUTE (HI) ON MARCH 17 GIVING INFORMAL APPROVAL TO R/V HERO CRUISES 77-3 IN ITS ENTIRETY WITH THE EXCEPTION THAT ENTRY IS FORBIDDEN INTO SENO PONSONBY. ALTHOUGH THE LETTER ALSO GAVE INFORMAL APPROVAL TO CRUISE 77-4, THE LIST OF RESTRICTIONS WERE SUCH AS TO EFFECTIVELY DENY PERMISSION FOR THE CRUISE. IN SHORT, CRUISE 77-4 WILL BE LIMITED ONLY TO COMMERCIAL CANALS SINCE PERMISSION WAS DENIED FOR ENTRY INTO ANY OF THE RESTRICTED CANALS. OF THE 59 CANALS LISTED AS BEING NECESSARY FOR ACCESS IN THE CRUISE 77-4 REQUEST FOR APPROVAL, ONLY ESTRECHO TRINIDAD, CANAL TRINIDAD, CANAL OESTE, CANAL CONCEPCION AND THE WESTERN SHORELINE OF DUQUE DE YORK ISLAND WERE APPROVED FOR TRANSIT.

2. THE LETTER WAS SIGNED BY HI DIRECTOR CAPTAIN RAUL HERRERA ALDANA. IT WAS CURT, LEGALISTIC, AND STATES UNEQUIVOCALLY THAT ALL FUTURE RESEARCH VESSEL
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ACTIVITY IN THE CANALS AREA WILL BE RESTRICTED TO COMMERCIAL ROUTES. MOREOVER, CLEARANCE REQUESTS WILL HAVE TO CONFORM TO SUPREME DECREE LAW NO. 711 DATED AUGUST 22, 1975. THE TONE OF THE LETTER WAS IN COMPLETE CONTRAST TO THE EXPRESSIONS OF GOOD WILL AND OPTIMISM OVER THE POSSIBILITIES OF CRUISE 77-4 AS RELATED BY HI OFFICIALS DURING SCIENCE

OFFICER'S VISIT ON MARCH 2. EMBASSY DOES NOT KNOW AT THIS POINT WHETHER CAPTAIN HERRERA WAS HAVING A BAD DAY OR WHETHER THIS IS AN EARLY INDICATOR THAT THE GOC INTENDS TO BE LESS COOPERATIVE CONCERNING FUTURE U.S. PROPOSALS FOR SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH IN CHILEAN TERRITORY. IF IT IS THE LATTER CASE, IT IS ALMOST CERTAIN TO BE ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF GOC DISPLEASURE WITH RECENT U.S. ACTIONS IN THE HUMAN RIGHTS FIELD.

3. SINCE THE HI DECISION ELIMINATES ALL AREAS OF RESEARCH INTEREST IN CRUISE 77-4 EXCEPT THE WESTERN SHORELINE OF ISLA DUQUE DE YORK, NSF MAY WISH TO WITHDRAW THE 77-4 CLEARANCE REQUEST AND RESCHEDULE THE R/V HERO SHIPYARD PERIOD FOR AN ARGENTINE RATHER THAN A CHILEAN PORT. EMBASSY WILL WITHHOLD THE FORMAL 77-4 CLEARANCE REQUEST UNTIL INFORMED OF NSF'S DECISION. MEANWHILE, WE WILL BEGIN PROCESSING THE CLEARANCE REQUEST FOR 77-3 THROUGH FORMAL DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS.
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